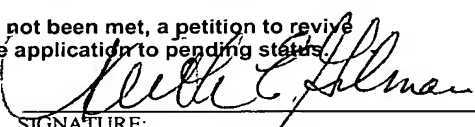


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DATE: October 14, 2004 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER REGIM 3.3-041 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/511377
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR03/01207	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 15 April 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 15 April 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION SPLINT FOR A JOINT CONNECTION AND METHODS FOR PRODUCTION OF SUCH A SPLINT		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Jean-Paul Parizot		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.		
2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.		
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.		
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).		
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))		
a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).		
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.		
c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).		
6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).		
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.		
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))		
a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).		
b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.		
c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.		
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.		
8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).		
9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).		
10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.		
12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.		
13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.		
14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.		
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.		
16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.		
17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.		
18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Copy of Face Page of International Application as published (French), Five (5) Sheets of Formal Drawings, Return Receipt Postcard		

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